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Presentation to Washington State Transportation Commission

On Tuesday, I was joined by WSF Deputy Chief Jean Baker and WSF Director of Communication Marta Coursey at a presentation to the Washington State Transportation Commission. We presented on WSF's marketing program and fuel hedging, both areas where the ferry system has made positive strides forward. To learn more, view the presentations at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly/.

Presentation to Joint Transportation Committee

I was joined by Kevin Quigley of Vigor Shipyards at a presentation to the Joint Transportation Committee on Wednesday regarding cost savings for the 144-car ferry program. During the 2011 legislative session, the contractor for the program, Vigor Shipyards, was directed to present a list of options that could result in cost-saving changes for the vessel. We reported to the JTC that this exercise has resulted in approximately \$3.4 million in construction cost savings. To learn more, view the presentation at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly/.

Fall community meetings

Please mark your calendar for our fall community meetings. We will be discussing the Governor's Connecting Washington task force, new vessels, the fare media study, liquefied natural gas, and community-specific issues. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

- **Bremerton** - Monday, November 14 (1-1:30 p.m. at the Bremerton Rotary Luncheon at the Kitsap Conference Center)
- **Whidbey Island** - Tuesday, November 29 (6:30-8 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland)
- **San Juan Island/Anacortes** - Thursday, December 1 (5:30-7 p.m. at the San Juan County Council Chambers in Friday Harbor & live streaming online)
- **Port Townsend** - Monday, December 5 (12-1 p.m. at the Jefferson County Chamber Meeting, Elks Lodge, Port Townsend)
- **Bainbridge Island** - Tuesday, December 6 (6:30-8 p.m. at Bainbridge Commons)
- **Kingston** - Thursday, December 8 (6:30-8 p.m. at the Kingston Community Center)
- **Vashon/Southworth/Fauntleroy** - TBD

2011 Tourism Summit

WSF was represented at the 2011 Tourism Summit for the Olympic Peninsula by WSF Communications Director Marta Coursey. The summit was held at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. It was a great opportunity to connect with local chamber of commerce and tourism marketing entities and to hear from the Washington Tourism Alliance. For more information on WSF's marketing and advertising programs, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Planning/marketing.htm.

64-car ferry progress meeting

We held our monthly 64-car ferry progress meeting at Vigor Shipyards on Thursday afternoon. We discussed the progress of the Kennewick, including the successful sea trials that took place during the last few weeks. I look forward to the last vessel in the Kwa-di Tabil class beginning service in early 2012.

Roundtable: How will we pay for our ferry system?

I will be panelist at a roundtable hosted by Bob Royer of Gallatin Public Affairs on Friday, Oct. 28, at 8 a.m. I will join Rep. Judy Clibborn, ferry rider and lobbyist Ian MacGowan, and Discovery Institute Policy Director Bruce Agnew in a discussion about how to fund the ferry system. The roundtable is open to the public, but space is limited. You may RSVP at Nicolec@gallatinpa.com.

Sharing your ferry tales

Last month we asked you to send in your "ferry tales" – experiences and memories you have of riding Washington state ferries over our 60-year history. We will be sharing some of our favorites over the next few months. Read the latest post, "A Golden Anniversary Trip," on our blog at <http://wsdotferries.blogspot.com/>. We're still taking submissions; more information is available at www.wsdot.wa.gov/News/2011/09/Tales_092311.htm.

Customer compliment

I received the following compliment this week from a customer of the Seattle/Bainbridge route. I want to especially thank Operations Program Manager Jadwiga Kellock for her compassion in corresponding with the family about this occasion and for Captain Lewis and the crew of the Wenatchee for the kindness they extended during the memorial.

This is a special thank you to all the Washington State employees who helped us plan the memorial service for Dorothy Traylor, Allen Traylor's mother on September 24, 2011. Allen and his wife, Linda Traylor, both in wheelchairs, were given such courteous and kind service, and everything really went well. We were also pleased so much that we were shown where the area on the ferry is reserved for those in wheelchairs, and we were privileged to be allowed to stay on the ferry for the round trip back to Seattle without having to leave the ship. Jana, the sister of Allen and friend Cheryl, who brought the flowers, and all of us were able to talk and converse and enjoy the trip because of your kindness. We really appreciate the ferry system that you have this service available for those of us who wish to do a burial "at sea". I know this note is late, as it has been over two weeks now, but I hope it is not too late for us to tell you how much we really appreciated your kind help.

Next Week:

- Briefing to Federal Way Kiwanis
- Roundtable on ferry funding
- AWV agency coordination meeting
- Meeting with Ivar's restaurant regarding Mukilteo project

David Moseley's weekly updates are available on the WSDOT Ferries Division website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/weekly.

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